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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Attach to your tax return.

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Attachment
Sequence No. **81**

Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

Part I Current Year Credit (Members of controlled groups or businesses under common control, see instructions.)**Section A—Regular Credit.** Skip this section and go to Section B if you are electing or previously elected the alternative incremental credit.

1	Basic research payments paid or incurred to qualified organizations (see instructions)	1		
2	Qualified organization base period amount	2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-	3		
4	Wages for qualified services (do not include wages used in figuring the work opportunity credit)	4		
5	Cost of supplies	5		
6	Rental or lease costs of computers (see instructions)	6		
7	Enter the applicable percentage of contract research expenses (see instructions)	7		
8	Total qualified research expenses. Add lines 4 through 7	8		
9	Enter fixed-base percentage, but not more than 16% (see instructions)	9		%
10	Enter average annual gross receipts (see instructions)	10		
11	Multiply line 10 by the percentage on line 9	11		
12	Subtract line 11 from line 8. If zero or less, enter -0-	12		
13	Multiply line 8 by 50% (.50)	13		
14	Enter the smaller of line 12 or line 13	14		
15	Add lines 3 and 14	15		
16	Regular credit. If you are not electing the reduced credit under section 280C(c), multiply line 15 by 20% (.20), enter the result, and see the instructions for the schedule that must be attached. If you are electing the reduced credit, multiply line 15 by 13% (.13) and enter the result. Also, write "Sec. 280C" on the dotted line to the left of the entry space. Go to Section C	16		

Section B—Alternative Incremental Credit. Skip this section if you completed Section A.

17	Basic research payments paid or incurred to qualified organizations (see the line 1 instructions)	17		
18	Qualified organization base period amount	18		
19	Subtract line 18 from line 17. If zero or less, enter -0-	19		
20	Multiply line 19 by 20% (.20)	20		
21	Wages for qualified services (do not include wages used in figuring the work opportunity credit)	21		
22	Cost of supplies	22		
23	Rental or lease costs of computers (see the line 6 instructions)	23		
24	Enter the applicable percentage of contract research expenses (see the line 7 instructions)	24		
25	Total qualified research expenses. Add lines 21 through 24	25		
26	Enter average annual gross receipts (see the line 10 instructions)	26		
27	Multiply line 26 by 1% (.01)	27		
28	Subtract line 27 from line 25. If zero or less, enter -0-	28		
29	Multiply line 26 by 1.5% (.015)	29		
30	Subtract line 29 from line 25. If zero or less, enter -0-	30		
31	Subtract line 30 from line 28	31		
32	Multiply line 26 by 2% (.02)	32		
33	Subtract line 32 from line 25. If zero or less, enter -0-	33		
34	Subtract line 33 from line 30	34		
35	Multiply line 31 by 2.65% (.0265)	35		
36	Multiply line 34 by 3.2% (.032)	36		
37	Multiply line 33 by 3.75% (.0375)	37		
38	Add lines 20, 35, 36, and 37	38		
39	Alternative incremental credit. If you are not electing the reduced credit under section 280C(c), enter the amount from line 38, and see the line 16 instructions for the schedule that must be attached. If you are electing the reduced credit, multiply line 38 by 65% (.65) and enter the result. Also, write "Sec. 280C" on the dotted line to the left of the entry space	39		

Section C—Current Year Credit for Increasing Research Activities

40	Pass-through research credit(s) from a partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust	40		
41	Current year credit. Add line 16 or line 39 to line 40, and go to Part II on the back	41		

Part II Allowable Credit (See **Who must file Form 3800** to find out if you complete Part II or file Form 3800.)

42	Regular tax :			
	• Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 43	}	42	
	• Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 1120, Schedule J, line 3; Form 1120-A, Part I, line 1; or the amount from the applicable line of your return			
	• Estates and trusts. Enter the sum of the amounts from Form 1041, Schedule G, lines 1a and 1b, or the applicable line of your return			
43	Alternative minimum tax:			
	• Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 6251, line 35.	}	43	
	• Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 4626, line 14.			
	• Estates and trusts. Enter the amount from Form 1041, Schedule I, line 56			
44	Add lines 42 and 43		44	
45a	Foreign tax credit	45a		
b	Credits from Form 1040, lines 46 through 49, and 51 through 53	45b		
c	Possessions tax credit (Form 5735, line 17 or 27)	45c		
d	Credit for fuel from a nonconventional source	45d		
e	Qualified electric vehicle credit (Form 8834, line 20)	45e		
f	Add lines 45a through 45e		45f	
46	Net income tax. Subtract line 45f from line 44. If zero, skip lines 47 through 50 and enter -0- on line 51		46	
47	Net regular tax. Subtract line 45f from line 42. If zero or less, enter -0-	47		
48	Enter 25% (.25) of the excess, if any, of line 47 over \$25,000 (see instructions)	48		
49	Tentative minimum tax (see instructions):			
	• Individuals. Enter the amount from Form 6251, line 33	}	49	
	• Corporations. Enter the amount from Form 4626, line 12.			
	• Estates and trusts. Enter the amount from Form 1041, Schedule I, line 54			
50	Enter the greater of line 48 or line 49		50	
51	Subtract line 50 from line 46. If zero or less, enter -0-		51	
52	Credit allowed for the current year. Individuals, estates, and trusts: Enter the smallest of line 41, line 51, or the amount from the formula in the instructions for line 52 here and on Form 1040, line 54; or Form 1041, Schedule G, line 2c. Corporations: Enter the smaller of line 41 or line 51 here and on Form 1120, Schedule J, line 6d; Form 1120-A, Part I, line 2; or the applicable line of other returns. If line 52 is smaller than line 41, see instructions		52	

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